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Mr. Larry Prouty Ashland Chemical Co. 3155 Fiberglass Road Kansas City, Kansas 66115

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facility to conduct the VSI. During the VSI no samples will be taken. The EPA contract personnel will require the assistance of some of your personnel in reviewing solid waste flow, previous waste management practices, conducting a tour of the waste management practices and facility processes, and to assist with any questions. This site visit is to provide us with a technical understanding of the waste flows present and past. Photographs of each SWMU are to be taken to document conditions of the facility and procedures used. Upon completion of the VSI the contractors will evaluate their findings and may return to your facility to collect additional data including samples.

E&E is conducting a review of information on the facility at EPA Region VII. A list of potential SWMUs to be viewed during the VSI and a description of Ms. Roberts and Mr. Silva, will be sent to you as soon as they are available.

If you have any questions please contact Mark Matthews at (913) 236-2888.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief, Permits Section

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cc: Mr. Paul Cahoon, KDHE
Ms. Patty Roberts, E&E